

Allah SWT says in Surah Al Naml:

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَتَوْا عَلَىٰ وَادِ النَّمْلِ قَالَتْ نَمَلَةٌ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّمْلُ ادْخُلُوا مَسَاكِنَكُمْ لَا يَحْطِمَنَّكُمْ سُلَيْمَانُ وَجُنُودُهُ وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ

Until, when they came upon the valley of the ants, an ant said, "O ants, enter your dwellings that you not be crushed by Solomon and his soldiers while they perceive not."

ماهو الدرس الأخلاقي الذي نتعلمه من النملة هنا. و متى اكتشف العلم ان النمل يتمتع بذكاء و يتكلم مع بعضه البعض؟

What is the moral character that we learn from the ant?

When did science discover that ants are intelligent and they can talk to each other?

AssalamuAlaikum,

Great responses to question 20 about the lessons learned for the story of the ant who advised the ants to get away from the path of prophet Suleiman and his army,

There are many lessons learned from this story, and in addition to what everyone said in their responses,

1. One must familiar with his surroundings, so that surprises won't happen. The ant did not seem surprised that Prophet Suleiman and his army were coming. She understood that such danger existed, based on the way she responded to the danger, she was not shocked.
2. Protecting the society is everyone's business. The Ayah said, and ant said, it did not say the ant said. This means that you don't have to be in a leadership role to protect your people, it's everyone's business.
3. When danger exists, one must maintain self control during crisis so that good planning can take place.
4. Execution well towards safety. The ant directed the rest of the ants to safety and without chaos.
5. Many other lessons can also be concluded, but the most important lesson is the ant's saying (وهم لا يشعرون) Suleiman and his army step on you unknowingly. This is giving the excuse that if they do, it would be unintentional. What a beautiful lesson in moral character in which one must not judge someone with bad intentions if they did something wrong and rather to give them an excuse and forgive them.

Many research was done in the 20th century about how ants communicate with each other through specific sounds and motions. There are many different types of ants and each type have their own way of communication subhanAllah. The link below explains some of the ways ants communicate with each other.

<https://www.kidpid.com/how-do-ants-communicate-with-each-other/>

May Allah benefit us from what we learned and increase us in knowledge!!